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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated February 28, 2001, please reconsider the rejections in view of the following remarks.

Remarks

The Office Action indicated that claims 1-20 stand rejected under §103 as being obvious in view of *Conboy et al.* (U.S. Patent No. 5,838,566). In addition, claims 19-20 stand rejected under §103 as being unpatentable over *Conboy et al* in view of *Burney*, and claims 19-20 also stand rejected under §103 as being unpatentable over *Conboy et al* in view of *Tau*. Further, various claims have been rejected for obviousness-type double patenting over *Conboy et al.* For the reasons set forth below, Applicants respectfully submit that the rejections should be withdrawn.

Regarding each of the §103 rejections of the claims as well as the rejection for obviousness-type double patenting, Applicant respectfully submits the accompanying Terminal Disclaimer under Rule 1.321 and Declaration under Rule 1.130, thereby removing the '566 reference as a prior art reference and overcoming each of the pending rejections.